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The attached report is dated late August and early September, and was obtained by a regular source who is in close touch with members of the ex-Mufti's entourage.

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Activities of the ex-Mufti of JERUSALEM
(27th August - 11th September 1952.)

Meetings with AYATALLAH KASHANI

1. On 27th August 1952 HAJJAMIN AL-HUSAYNI, the ex-Mufti of JERUSALEM, accompanied by Sheikh MUSTAFA URI, the ex-Kadi of HAIFA, called on AYATALLAH KASHANI, the Iranian politico-religious leader, at the latter's hotel in BEIRUT. KASHANI told them that he intended, during his stay in MECCA, to lay the basis of a society to be called IKHWAN AL-SALA (Brothers of Peace), the aim of which would be to defend the Holy Land from foreign imperialism. This organization would have branches in all the Arab countries.

2. The ex-Mufti gave this scheme his blessing, and agreed with KASHANI that they should hold a Moslem Congress at the end of the autumn, either in DAMASCUS or CAIRO, with the object of ensuring the complete neutrality of the Arab peoples in the dispute between the Eastern and the Western Powers. (See rough draft)

3. On his return from MECCA, KASHANI met many leading Moslem personalities in DAMASCUS and discussed with them his ideas for the proposed congress. Among those who approved it, were:-

(Sheikh) KAMIL AL-QASSAB, an Ulema of DAMASCUS²

(Sheikh) NAJJAT AL-ITAR, an Ulema of DAMASCUS

(Sheikh) MUSTAFA AL-SHAJI, former Head of the IKHWAN AL-MUSLIMIN in DAMASCUS³

4. See also:-

1 Source's Comment:

A society with the same name was founded about 50 years after the death of the Prophet, to defend Islam by terrorism.

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Meeting with MUHIADIN KULAI BI

4. On 29th August 1952 MUHIADIN KULAI BI, a Tunisian leader, met the ex-Mufti at the latter's house in RAYFOUN to enlist his assistance in raising the Tunisian dispute with France before U.N.O.

Meeting with Dr. MUHAMAD HATTA.

5. On 2nd September 1952 the ex-Mufti met Dr. MUHAMAD HATTA, the Vice-President of the Indonesian Republic, in the house of MUHAMAD JAMIL BAKHUM, a BEIRUT politician, at KORNAYAL. Dr. HATTA handed a large sum of money to HAJ AMIN (n.f.d.).

The Arab League.

6. On receipt of a message from Sheikh HASSAN ^{ABU-SAUD} ~~ABU-SAUD~~ to the effect that the discussion of the refugees' problem at the Arab League necessitated his presence, HAJJAMIN left BEIRUT for CAIRO on 11th September 1952. In particular, the ex-Mufti hoped to persuade the Arab League to send a delegation to Western Germany to obstruct and delay the execution of Germany's decision to pay compensation to Israel for the persecution of the Jews by the Nazis.

The offices of the Arab Higher Executive in BEIRUT

7. During his visit to the Lebanon the ex-Mufti decided that the offices of the Arab Higher Executive in BEIRUT would be closed down owing to lack of funds, and that in future its activities would be carried on from the house of ^{Amir} ~~Amir~~ GHOURI.